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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph numbered 0049 with the following:

As described above, according to the present invention, the first and second brackets can temporarily be fixed to the outer periphery of the steering-gear housing and resilient body by the auxiliary securing member, resulting in a reduction in the number of parts during transfer, delivery, and the like. However, if the first and second brackets are temporarily fixed to the steering-gear housing by the auxiliary securing member only, an edge of the second bolt hole of the second bracket is deformed circumferentially away from an edge of the first bolt hole of the first bracket, principally, by a resiliency of the resilient body. Thus, the edges of the first and second bolt holes are separated from each other, resulting in a tendency of difficult insertion of the securing bolt into the first and second bolt holes.